# **Engaging Communities in Liberia**



Project Title	Engaging Communities in Liberia
Project Summary	Assist with multiple community engagement projects and produce materials to support community engagement in Liberia.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	INL/AME
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	2

#### **Project Description**

The U.S. Government (USG) and other international donors, including the U.N. Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), have provided security sector reform and rule of law assistance to the Government of Liberia (GOL) since the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in 2003. Since November of 2011 the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) has implemented the Mitigating Local Disputes in Liberia (MLDL) project. Overall, the MLDL project helps to build the capacities of communities and security institutions in four counties; Nimba, Lofa, Bong, and Grand Gedeh, to identify and prevent small community and countywide disputes from becoming larger conflicts. Applying concepts such as early warning and early response, alternative dispute resolution, and community policing, MLDL improves the relationship between citizens and their local security institutions by building their capacity to identify and address security concerns and local disputes, through the creation of partnerships and collaboration between local governments and their communities.

INL seeks two (2) VSFS interns to contribute to this project's mission of community engagement by contributing to innovative ideas, creation of marketing and promotional material, development of assessment material, review and editing of locally developed products and material, and engagement with field staff.

#### **Desired Skills Interests**

### **Additional Information**

None

## **Language Requirements**

None